



WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the interdependent relationship among trauma centers, EMS system hospitals, ambulance providers, emergency and trauma physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) – basic, intermediate and paramedic – field nurses, emergency communication nurses, trauma nurse specialists, emergency medical dispatchers and first responders who are dedicated to saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 64 EMS resource hospitals and 66 trauma centers, and 8,052 first responder defibrillators; 20,668 basic EMTs, 610 intermediate EMTs, 15,444 paramedic EMTs, 4,746 emergency communications registered nurses, 2,819 trauma nurse specialists, 389 pre-hospital registered nurses, and 3012 emergency medical dispatchers selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, this year’s national theme, “EMS STRONG: CALLED TO CARE” underscores the immediate nature of the situations to which EMS personnel must respond;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Illinois, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this ELEVENTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR